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**Response Under 37 CFR 1.116
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Docket: T2211-9059US01

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: : **Box AF**
Philip James IONS et al. :
Serial No.: 10/821,952 : Group Art Unit: 1742
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McLean, Virginia
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to the outstanding Official Action mailed October 31, 2005 for the above application. Please amend the application as indicated below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin at page 8 of this paper.